



Republic of the Philippines  
Region IV-A (CALABARZON)  
Province of Cavite  
CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS  
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 20-76 (SPECIAL)**

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**INSTITUTIONALIZING, PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING URBAN OR COMMUNITY GARDENING IN BARANGAYS AND SUBDIVISIONS TO AUGMENT THE FOOD SECURITY IN THE CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS, GRANTING INCENTIVES, THEREFORE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE.**

**WHEREAS, at the time of pandemic, a good way to help people provide the food needs of their families is by educating them to utilize their home yards and vacant spaces in the barangay for productive planting of vegetables and fruits;**

**WHEREAS, urban gardening can also use walls for hanging pots and recyclable containers where vegetables are grown;**

**WHEREAS, harvesting and reaping vegetables and fruits in one's own yard would provide the food needs and nutritional requirements of the family at minimal costs;**

**WHEREAS, urban gardening allows the city residents to grow and sell food directly from their properties;**

**WHEREAS, gardening is also proven to help reduce stress, anxiety, and depression which are common health and mental problems during pandemic;**

**NOW THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Clarissel J. Campaña-Moral duly seconded by SP Member Kristine Jane M. Perdito-Barison,**

**Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, that:**

**SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Urban or Community Gardening in the City of General Trias."**

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY - It is hereby declared the policy of the City Government to empower its constituents to:**

- 1. Create greener spaces in the city,**
- 2. Encourage urban agriculture to reduce the cost of long distance transportation of food, making healthier and cheaper food available to the public,**

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3. Support the local climate change action plan in the areas of food security and environmental stability, and
4. Enhance productivity by making use of idle lots and open spaces by turning them into greener spaces.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS** - As used in the Ordinance the following terms shall be:

- a. **Urban Gardening** - the process of growing plants of all types and varieties in an urban environment,
- b. **Community Gardening** - a method of using outdoor public or private spaces to cultivate gardens for food or pleasure as a group and is a great choice for those with no yard or outdoor space,
- c. **Arbor Day** - a holiday in which individuals or groups are encouraged to plant and care for trees,
- d. **Hydroponics** - the growing of plants in nutrient solution,
- e. **Public Open Spaces** - vacant lots and spaces owned and maintained by the government,
- f. **Subdivision Open Spaces** - vacant lots in subdivisions,
- g. **Container Gardening** - the practice of growing plants in containers instead of planting them in the ground,
- h. **Vertical Gardening** - the activity of making plants grow up a wall or out of a wall, often because there is not much space available on the ground, and
- i. **Rooftop Gardening** - the practice of cultivating food on the rooftop, usually done using green roof, hydroponics, aeroponics or air - dynaponics systems.

**SECTION 4. COVERAGE** - This Ordinance shall cover all vacant lots in subdivisions and available lands in the barangays within the territorial jurisdictions of the City of General Trias.

For the purpose of this Section, lands shall be considered as vacant or available if more than fifty percent (50%) of its area is unutilized for any purpose beneficial to human consumption or development; provided, however, that lands enclosed by a fence within which a structure is erected and occupied as dwelling by the landowner or the caretaker thereof shall not be considered vacant or available under this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5. INCENTIVE TO BARANGAY, HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS (HOAs), AND NONGOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs)** - As a measure to encourage urban or community gardening, additional seeds will be given to individuals and organizations who started urban gardening in their respective areas.

**SECTION 6. TRAINING AND ORIENTATION** - The City Agriculture Office will be in charge of the orientation and training of Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Officials, Homeowners Associations and other groups and individuals in the City of General Trias.

**SECTION 7. MONITORING** - Monitoring will be handled by the City Agriculture Office and City Environment and Natural Resources Office. An ocular visit will be required for each barangay to monitor the seeds given by the City

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Agriculture Office with the help and guidance of the Agricultural Technologists from the City Agriculture Office.

After which an ocular visit was conducted, an actual report will be required from each barangay to monitor the survival rate of fruits/seedlings in terms of square meters given by the City Agriculture Office.

**SECTION 8. FUNDING** – for the effective implementation of this Ordinance, funding shall be allocated to be taken from the Plant Plant Program under Gender and Development (GAD) Fund.

**SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS** – In the implementation of this Ordinance, the Office of the City Mayor and the City Agriculture Office, in partnership with the following offices and entities, shall promulgate the necessary rules, regulations, guidelines and procedures:

1. City Environment and Natural Resources Office,
2. Civil Registrar's Office, and
3. Human Resource Management Office.

**SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE** – All orders, memoranda, rules and regulations, or any part of parts hereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.


**SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** – If for any reason a provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, all other provisions hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

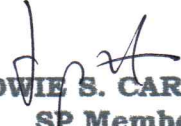
**SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE** – This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval.


APPROVED under THIRD/FINAL READING on 25 NOVEMBER 2020.

  
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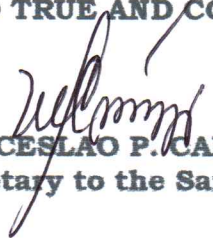
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